

[English]

### Upgrading of Agartala Airport

**2889. SHRIMATI BIBHU KUMARI DEVI:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal of upgrading the Agartala airport to provide night landing facilities for big aircraft including Airbus A-320; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated expenditure involved therein, item-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) and (b). Agartala airport has been provided with full-fledged night landing facilities. The National Airports Authority has further plans to upgrade the existing facilities by including the following:-

(i) High Intensity Runway Lighting System at a cost of Rs. 3.48 lakhs.

(ii) Visual Approach Slope Indicator System at a cost of Rs. 7.74 lakhs.

(iii) Simple Approach Lighting System with land at a cost of Rs. 9.62 lakhs.

[Translation]

### Incoming Flights of Vayudoot at Palam Airport

**2890. SHRI KESRI LAL:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangements to provide information of incoming flights of Vayudoot at the arrival terminal of Palam Airport are satisfactory; and

(b) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) and (b). The status of Vayudoot flights is announced at regular intervals on public address system, which is audible outside the arrival hall also.

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### Re-Introduction of Vayudoot Services In Arunachal Pradesh.

**2891. SHRI LAETA UMBREY:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vayudoot services have been stopped in Arunachal Pradesh since last two years;

(b) if so, the time by which these services are likely to be reintroduced in the State and the places thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Because of shortage of aircraft and the heavy losses being incurred by Vayudoot, the restoration of all the services has not been found feasible at the present moment.

### Harnessing of Wind Energy in Kerala

**2892. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made for setting up of